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The Shofar

Federation News

Interim Executive Director's Letter

Dear Friends,

Does criticizing Israel make you anti-Semitic or a self-hating Jew?

This is a question I've heard more than a few times. The short answer, in the spirit of our great Jewish traditions, is "well, it depends."

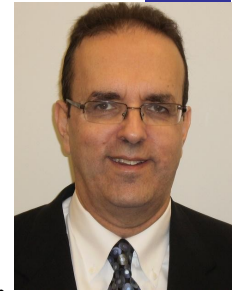
I'd like to discuss a longer answer in the context of the current debate (as I write this in the latter half of July) over the new anti-boycott law in Israel. While I suspect most of you have been following this issue, let me begin by briefly summarizing it for those who have not.

The anti-boycott law passed by the Israeli Knesset following a heated argument allows for monetary damages to Israeli citizens and organizations that call for boycotts against Israel and the West Bank. This law came in response to the so-called BDS (boycotts, divestments and sanctions) movement around the world to pressure Israel in the ongoing struggle with the Palestinians.

Besieged by the decades' long conflict with the Palestinians and their allies, I find it understandable why the Israeli government sought to create this law. I strongly disagree with the BDS movement, directed against a country whose policies seek to reasonably defend its civilian population against terrorism directed by some of its very close neighbors. Unlike South Africa in the apartheid era, Israel is a Jewish democratic state with ancient ties to the land that also provides political power to its minority populace. In my view, the BDS movement fails to consider these basic facts.

That said, the anti-boycott law has unfortunately raised some concern about free speech in Israel. For example, what if an editorial in an Israeli newspaper called for a boycott in the West Bank? The new law could subject the paper to a civil suit. I'm sure we've

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Our Mission

Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids supports cultural, social and financial needs of Jews locally, in the State of Israel, and around the world.

This mission is accomplished by providing services to the community and through fundraising and allocation efforts.

One Community

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Federation News

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all read editorials and op-ed pieces that we've strongly disagreed with, but recognize such free speech, without fear of legal and economic reprisal, is central to the long-term health of a democracy.

Accordingly, leading American Jewish organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee have spoken out against the anti-boycott law. Does that make them anti-Semitic? That would be news to all of us. My viewpoint (not Federation's) is similar to ADL and AJC, while acknowledging it's a lot easier for me to take this opinion in the relative safety of the United States as compared to living in Israel. Nonetheless, does my criticizing this anti-boycott policy of Israel make me a self-hating Jew?

One approach to answer the "is it anti-Semitic?" question is the "Three Ds" model: Does the criticism include *demonizing* Jews or Israel (e.g. calling Jews Nazis or Israel Nazi Germany as discussed in these pages a few months ago)? Does it *delegitimize* the existence of the Jewish state? And, does it hold Israel to a *double-standard* relative to other countries, notably the right of the people in a democratic nation to self-defense?

If the criticism of Israel does not include the "Three Ds", as the ADL and AJC criticism certainly does not, then it's not anti-Semitic. Quite to the contrary, I believe such criticism should be encouraged. A vital political environment requires a wide-ranging exchange of free speech which, hopefully, will include some wise and thoughtful speech to enable a democratic nation, whether Israel, the United States or elsewhere, to function at its best.

Of course, I've been practicing my right to free speech in this column. As usual, I invite you to practice yours as well. Please feel free to contact me directly or comment on our Facebook page with your thoughts about this or other matters on your mind.

I hope this *Shofar* finds you enjoying your summer.

With warmest regards,

Mike Present
mike@jfgr.org



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Federation News

Two well attended Federation events enjoyed by all!



*More pictures and video at:
www.jfgr.org*



Community Picnic

Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan

Senior News

Lunch Bunch

Wednesday
August 10, 2011
11:30 am



The Green Well
924 Cherry Street SE
Grand Rapids
Cost: \$8.00

Transportation available
call Ann at 616-942-5553

Future Lunch Bunch Dates:

Thursday, September 22 (Apples and Honey)
Monday, October 18
Thursday, November 10

Senior Mah Jongg

Anyone interested in learning or playing Mah Jongg, please contact **Aleta Katonak**, either by email, alekatsr4u@juno.com (preferable) or by phone 616-281-5917.



These are daytime lessons, and games are at no cost. Then, of course, if there is anyone looking for a game, join the fun! MahJ on. Transportation available.

Community News

Cultural Council



Save the date!
Saturday
NOVEMBER 19, 2011
8:00 pm

The Cultural Council of the
Jewish Federation
Invites you

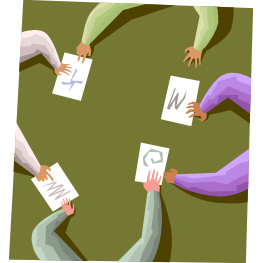
**GRAND RAPIDS
SYMPHONY CONCERT**
At Temple Emanuel

Business Forum

The Jewish Community Business Forum is a good networking opportunity to discuss business principles and to stay aware of resources available within our community.

Next meeting:

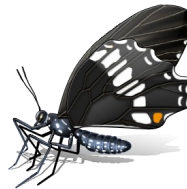
Thursday
August 11, 2011
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
El Barrio, 545 Michigan NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Everyone Welcome



JFGR Emergency Loan Program

Jews in our community may be eligible to receive an emergency loan if the circumstances for a request are appropriate. Often loans are requested to pay utility bills, rent, or an unexpected expense. To apply, a confidential interview is conducted and this information is presented to a committee which determines eligibility. This loan is interest free, and the repayment schedule is very flexible. Please contact Ann for a confidential consultation: 616-942-5553, ext. 206

Butterfly Project



The Jewish Federation is partnering with the Grand Rapids Children's Museum in the Butterfly Project. The purpose of this project is to collect 1.5 million handmade butterflies to memorialize the number of Jewish children killed during the Holocaust.

This will become an exhibit in 2013 in The Holocaust Museum in Houston, TX.

Please check Children's Museum website for information on requirements and ideas at www.grcm.org or the Holocaust Museum www.hmh.org

There are drop off boxes at JFGR, UJS, Temple, Ahavas Israel, and the Chabad House.
For Additional information contact Sari at 616-942-5553 or email sari@jfgr.org

YAD Summer Play Group

Selected Friday mornings at 10:00 AM during the summer at Manhattan Park, off Cascade Road, near the East Beltline. We meet by the pavilion, off Manhattan Road:



August 12
August 26

We enjoy visiting while our children play. Please contact the Federation office for details, or if you have questions, 616-942-5553 or Cathy@jfgr.org



YAD Mah Jongg

**Join us at our
next game!**

For information about the ongoing Mah Jongg games, please contact Michele Young at 616-828-4806 or youngml1967@gmail.com. Beginners welcome!

No experience necessary.

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Julian Joseph
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\$2,500 - \$4,999

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Charles Olender
Henry Pestka
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TDS Metrocom
Stephen Turner

\$1,000 - \$2,499

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Richard Stevens
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Chad Zagel

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Leon Blum
Joseph Cohen
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Richard Gaffin
Michael Halprin
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Albert Lewis
Joseph Lubner
Stuart Rapaport
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David & Ellen Fishman
Sanford Freed
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Stephen Goldberg
Harold Hollander
Gunther Jacoby
Morris Kleiman
David Krishef
Michael Margulus
Daniel & Nancy Rosen
Philip Rotenberg
Michael Schadick
Charles Shapiro
Bart & Kathy Steindler
Jon & Mirrit Subar
Douglas Wachter
Gilbert Wynn

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Eric Anderson
Mario Atlas
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David Balas & James Sellman
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David Blandford
Len Cottrell
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Thomas Fox
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Keith Rhodes
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David Sarne
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Shalom Solomon
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Robert Swietek
Lewis Turetsky
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\$10,000 and Over

Ruby Lion of Judah
Marilyn Leven
Eileen Newman

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Lion of Judah
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Bluma Herman
Judith Joseph
Karen Padnos
Peg Padnos
Susan Samrick
Judy Subar
Lanny Thodey
Sharyl Titcher

\$1,800 - \$4,999

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Dafna Kaufman
Myrna Kirschner
Karen Reifler
Elizabeth Scheibe Samrick
Anita Silverstein
Flory Silverstein
Diane Titcher
Marilyn Titcher

\$1,000 - \$1,799

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Paula Bojsen
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Bill Lewis

Amy Noyes

Karen Padnos

Carol Present

Mike Present

David Reifler

Karen Reifler

Sue Remes

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TOTAL FUNDS RAISED

Men's Special Gifts	\$270,210.00	
Men's General	\$30,054.00	
Women's Division	\$140,708.00	
Total-Regular Campaign		\$440,972.00
Matching Grant - Berkowitz	\$2,545.00	
Matching Grant - Padnos Foundation	\$16,659.00	
Interest	\$2,000.00	
Car loan repayment	\$1,300.00	
Available for re-allocation	\$10,202.20	
General Endowment Fund	\$17,949.28	
Art Fund	\$9,579.43	
Weiner Fund	\$2,391.38	
Women of Valor	\$1,401.71	
Subtotal Additional Income		\$64,028.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION		\$505,000.00

LOCAL
JFGR OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Campaign	\$38,952.00	
Family Services/Adult Programming/Social Services	\$89,400.00	
Community/YAD/Family/Youth Programs	\$103,702.00	
Uncollected Pledges	\$15,000.00	
Bank and Bankcard Charges	\$2,500.00	
FICA & Medicare	\$10,000.00	
Subtotal Operational Expenses		\$259,554.00
Missions & Leadership Development	\$5,000.00	
L'Dor Vador Community Endowment	\$10,000.00	
Subtotal		\$15,000.00

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

United Jewish Schools	\$18,000.00	
Chabad of West Michigan	\$5,000.00	
Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids	\$5,000.00	
Shir Shalom Choir	\$3,781.00	
Temple Emanuel Food Bank	\$2,200.00	
Interfaith Dialog	\$2,500.00	
Subtotal Local Allocations		\$36,481.00
TOTAL LOCAL ALLOCATIONS		\$311,035.00

DUES PAID FOR SUPPORT OF OUR ORGANIZATION

Michigan Jewish Conference-dues	\$1,200.00	
JFNA Fair Share	\$17,361.00	
TOTAL DUES		\$18,561.00

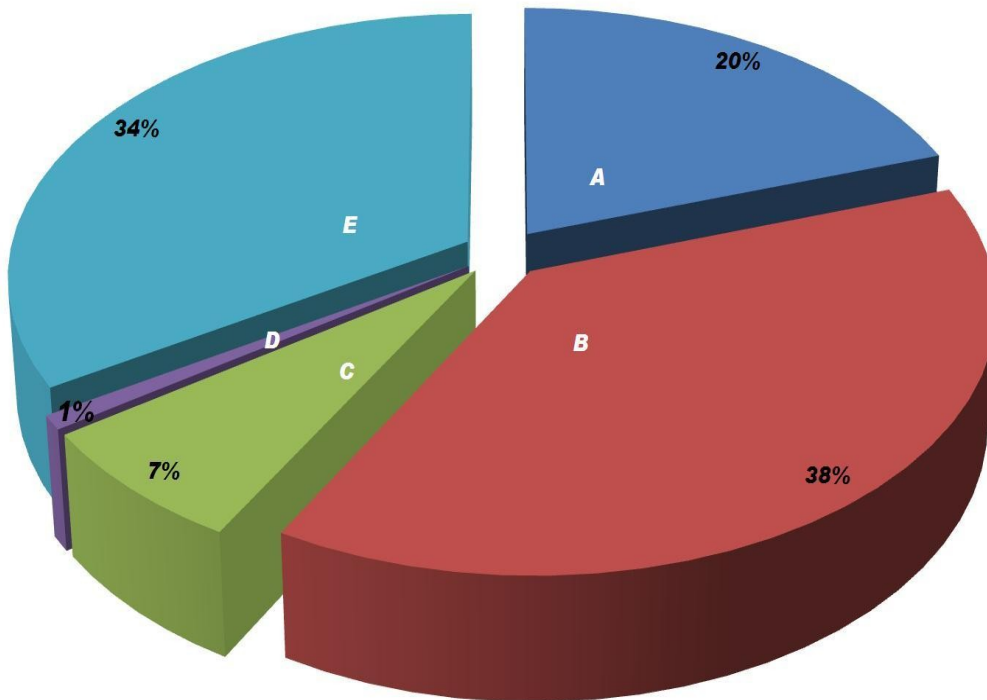
NATIONAL

American Jewish Committee	\$250.00	
Anti-Defamation League (ADL)	\$650.00	
Birthright Israel (JFNA)	\$1,800.00	
GVSU Hillel	\$350.00	
MSU Hillel	\$750.00	
U of M Hillel	\$180.00	
Israel Action Network (JFNA)	\$250.00	
Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA)	\$136.00	
TOTAL NATIONAL ALLOCATIONS		\$4,366.00

INTERNATIONAL

Partnership 2000	\$5,000.00	
ONAD (Overseas Need Assessment)	\$166,038.00	
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL ALLOCATIONS		\$171,038.00
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS		\$505,000.00

Jewish Federation 2010 Annual Report



- **A) Operational: Campaign, FICA & Medicare, Uncollected Pledges, Bank/Bankcard Charges, UJC Fairshare, Michigan Jewish Conference Dues, L'Dor Vador Community Endowment, Missions & Leadership Development.**
- **B) Programming & Services: Family Services, Adult Programming, Social Services, YAD, Community Programs, Family/Youth Programs.**
- **C) Local: United Jewish School, Chabad of West Michigan, Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids, Shir Shalom Choir, Temple Emanuel Food Bank, Interfaith Dialog**
- **D) National: American Jewish Committee, ADL, Birthright Israel, GVSU Hillel, MSU Hillel, U of M Hillel, Israel Action Network, JCPA.**
- **E) International: Partnership 2000, ONAD.**

*We gratefully acknowledge our L'Dor Vador Funds,
Totaling over \$3 Million*

Woman of Valor Fund

To honor the women in our lives who have made a difference personally, locally or nationally.

Federation General/L'Dor Vador Fund

To help ensure the continued work of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids for now and the future.

Julian and Judith Joseph Fund

To provide for local programming and events through the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids.

David and Susan Samrick Youth Scholarship Fund

To provide scholarships to Jewish sleep away camps and experiences.

Chuck and Maxine Shapiro Fund

To help ensure long-term aid to Israel and Jews around the world.

Louis and Louise Weiner Fund

To help ensure local programming for seniors in the Grand Rapids Jewish Community.

Jerry and Judy Subar Fund

To help ensure funding for overseas Jewish communities' needs.

Leven Family Fund

To establish and provide Jewish facilities, and support for cooperative programming among the congregations that support Jewish education for our youth.

Sam and Jane Kravitz Social Services Fund

To support Jewish social services locally.

United Jewish School and Community News



Beit Sefer B'yahad/United Jewish School
 1715 East Fulton, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
 Pam Rush, School Director
 616-459-5976
pam@templemanuelgr.org
www.unitedjewishschool.org

Opening Day:
Sunday, September 11, 2011
Temple Emanuel

The school administration along with the UJS Board is very busy during the summer organizing and developing programs for next religious school year. Please feel free to contact me and share your thoughts on the successes of the past year and improvements that could be made in the future.

Alan Levin coming to UJS August 15 - 18

Alan Levin is an Education Specialist with a focus on CHAI curriculum; curriculum development; and special education and differentiating instruction, among others. Alan most recently worked for the Union for Reform Judaism as a Regional Educator and the Director of the CHAI -Learning for Jewish Life Curriculum project. He previously administered a large religious school of 800 students and held several public school positions, including Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Director of Special Education Services. Alan's background is in the Visual Arts, Education, Curriculum, School Administration and Special Education. He will be conducting several workshops with the UJS staff.

If you know of any students who are interested in joining our UJS community for next year please give me their information so I may contact them.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 3, UJS Board meeting, Temple 7:00 pm
 August 24, UJS Board meeting

Please remember UJS in your contributions. We have a beautiful tribute card that can be sent in memory of someone, in honor of a special occasion or just for a simple "thank you".

Create your own Shofar at



The Shofar factory
 Sunday, September 25
 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

at the
 Chabad House
 2615 Michigan N.E.

Admission: \$5.00

Includes all materials, all the fun and a Shofar to keep

Call now to RSVP 616-957-0770

Hadassah Book Club

Next meeting:
Wednesday, August 10, 7:15 pm
 At Marilyn Lystad' home:
 4726 Cranwood SW, Wyoming
 RSVP to 616-531-1616
 Carpool from Sue Remes home
 leaving at 7 pm

Book to read:
***The Glass Room* by Simon Mawer**
 Book will be available for
 purchase at Shulers Books at 28th Street

Book ends by choice...



Flory Silverstein, 616-949-5766
 Sue Remes, 616-949-3505

Congregation News

Temple Emanuel

Temple Emanuel invites the community to celebrate Shabbat with us on Friday, August 12. Join us for services at 6:15 pm.

Stay for a Potluck Shabbat Dinner at 7:15 pm. Temple will provide chicken, challah, wine, juice, and dessert. We ask everyone to bring a non-dairy side dish to share. \$4.00 per person. Call the Temple office at 616-459-5976 to RSVP.

Following dinner enjoy our latest "Summer Cooler Concert" with pianist Todd Wilke. Todd is the music director of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, the pianist for the Choral Academy for the Diocese of Grand Rapids, and the piano accompanist for the Catholic Central Choral Program.

In search of candlesticks for Shabbat or a beautiful Challah plate? Are you in need of a new mezuzah or a unique tzedakah box?

The Temple Emanuel gift shop is filled with a largest selection of Judaica in Grand Rapids. New items are arriving all the time. The gift shop can be opened whenever the Temple office is open. Call the Temple office at 616-459-5976 if you would like to come and visit our shop.

On the 2nd Tuesday of every month, families depend on food donations from the Food Bank at Temple Emanuel.

Drop off food donations between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm Monday through Friday at Temple Emanuel or mail checks payable to Temple Emanuel and specify the donation is for the Food Bank.

Temple's address:

1715 E Fulton, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Congregation Ahavas Israel

Special Shabbat Speaker, Saturday morning, August 6 - Cheryl Schuch, director, Family Promise of Grand Rapids, "True Hospitality." As the Executive Director of Family Promise of Grand Rapids, Cheryl helps homeless children and their families as they work to find a new home.

Friday evening, August 26, Family Happy Hour, 7:00 pm, followed by a brief Kabbalat Shabbat Friday evening service at 7:45 pm.

Mussar—The Path of the Soul

THE PATH OF THE SOUL

A Mussar Institute Course based on a book by Rabbi Chaim Luzzatto

DURATION: two 3-month terms with optional Shabbat retreat, beginning Mondays, 6:00 pm, August 29.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Each of us has his or her own spiritual curriculum, though not everyone is aware that his or her life-course is a curriculum, nor engages with it consciously. Through this course, discover tools and practices to help guide your soul's journey to your most elevated spiritual destiny. See AhavasIsraelGR.org/adult_education_programs for more information.

Chabad House

Gan Yiladim Preschool

Gan Yiladim is a Jewish Preschool where children thrive in a creative and loving environment.

Gan Yiladim has been serving Grand Rapids and nearby communities since 1980.

Registration is now open for the fall of 2011-2012

For Jewish Children ages 2-5.

For more info call Sarah @ 616-813-4827

Jewish Federation Endowments

Life cycle times, both happy and sad, are traditional times to make donations to Jewish causes. You can make a donation of \$5 or more to the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids in honor or in memory of members of our community. We then will acknowledge that donation with a card to that individual or family. This is a wonderful way to send your good wishes and be able to fulfill the mitzvah of tzedakah.

Please be sure to indicate what the occasion is and who is to receive the card. Please specify which of the following funds you would like your donation to be credited to:

The Woman of Valor Fund (\$10 minimum contribution). To honor the women in our lives who have made a difference personally, locally or nationally.

The Federation General Endowment/L'Dor Vador Fund. To help ensure the continued work of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids for now and the future.

The Julian and Judith Joseph Fund. To provide for local programming and events through the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids.

The David and Susan Samrick Youth Scholarship Fund. To provide scholarships to Jewish sleep away camps and experiences.

The Charles and Maxine Shapiro Fund. To help ensure long-term aid to Israel and Jews around the world.

The Louis and Louise Weiner Fund. To help ensure local programming for seniors in the Grand Rapids Jewish Community.

The Jerry and Judy Subar Fund. To help ensure funding for overseas Jewish communities' needs.

The Leven Family Fund. To establish and provide Jewish facilities, and support for cooperative programming among the congregations that support Jewish education for our youth.

The Sam and Jane Kravitz Social Services Fund. To support Jewish social services in Grand Rapids.

Thank you for supporting the Grand Rapids Jewish Community

The Charles and Maxine Shapiro Endowment Fund

To Tammy Spungen in memory of her sister, Jackie,
From Charles and Maxine Shapiro

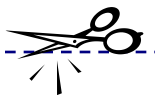
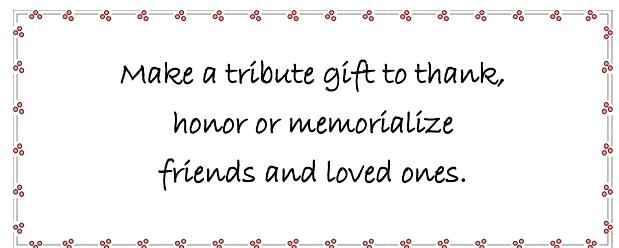
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To Rabbi Yosef and Sarah Weingarten in honor of
Levi Weingarten's Bar Mitzvah
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In honor of Rabbi Yossi Weingarten's 60th Birthday
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Levi Weingarten's Bar Mitzvah
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to help out our seniors.
Please call Ann at
616-942-5553 ext. 206 to volunteer
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